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SUBJ: PNG REPRESENTATION AT UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MEETING

1. PNG MINISTER FOR JUSTICE EBIA OLEWALE AND PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF MINISTER, RABBIE NAMALIU, WILL REPRESENT GPNG AT THE COMING SESSION OF UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL.

2. BOTH SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE NYC ON AUGUST 27 VIA PANAM FLIGHT NO. 228 FROM GEORGETOWN, GUYANA, WHERE THEY WILL ATTEND COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE.

3. BOTH HAVE SOLID BACKGROUND IN BOUGAINVILLE DISPUTE, OLEWALE AS RESULT HIS DUTIES AS MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS, NAMALIU AS SECRETARY TO CHIEF MINISTER. BOTH ALSO MEMBERS OF BOUGAINVILLE TASK FORCE AND NEGOTIATING TEAMS WHICH RECENTLY TOURED BOUGAINVILLE. NAMALIU IS SLIGHTLY MORE OUT-GOING THAN OLEWALE, BUT BOTH ARE SERIOUS AND ARTICULATE SPOKESMEN WITH QUIET SENSE OF HUMOR. BOTH SPEAK EXCELLENT ENGLISH. BIO DATA BELOW:

EBIA N. OLEWALE WAS BORN IN 1940 IN WESTERN DISTRICT, PAPUA. HE HOLDS A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS CERTIFICATE, AND TAUGHT HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MIDDLE 1960'S. IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SINCE 1968 HE HELD THE EDUCATION
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PORTFOLIO UNTIL 1974 AT WHICH TIME HE WAS NAMED MINISTER

FOR COMMERCE. IN 1975 HE WAS NAMED MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVINCIAL GOVT. AFFAIRS. OLEWALE IS MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN, AND IS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED CHURCH. HE HAS LABOR AFFILIATIONS AND IS PRESIDENT OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT WORKERS ASSN. HE IS A PANGU PATI MEMBER. HE HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY.

DURING RECENT MONTHS OLEWALE HAS ASSUMED HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES BOTH AS MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVINCIAL GOVT. AFFAIRS. IT IS GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAS CARRIED OUT HIS MANY RESPONSIBILITIES EFFECTIVELY, AND THAT HIS GROWTH IN OFFICE, ESPECIALLY AS MINISTER OF JUSTICE, HAS BEEN IMPRESSIVE INDEED. THE CHIEF MINISTER HAS RELIED HEAVILY ON HIM IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE BOUGAINVILLE DISPUTE.

RABBIE NAMALIU WAS BORN IN 1948 IN THE EAST NEW BRITAIN DISTRICT. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA (BA) AND VICTORIA UNIVERSITY, CANADA (M.A.). HE LECTURED AT UPNG AFTER GRADUCATION. HE PLANS TO PURSUE A PHD DEGREE IN THE UNITED STATES IN SEPTEMBER OF 1976. HE IS SINGLE.

NAMALIU WAS APPOINTED PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF MINISTER IN 1974 WHERE HE HAS ASSUMED A WIDE VARIETY OF IMPORTANT POLITICAL TASKS.

HE IS A GOOD CONVERSATIONALIST AND IS QUITE FRANK IN HIS VIEWS, WILL INDICATE IF HE CANNOT RELATE PRIVILEGED INFORMATION, OR IF HE SIMPLY DOES NOT KNOW THE INFORMATION REQUESTED. HE IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE U.S. OLMSTED

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